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GERMANY (SOVIET ZONE).

Economic.

Fulfilment of the Land Thüringen 1950 Production Plan.

1. Mining.

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In comparison with the first half-year of 1950, the production of crude lignite and peat showed a tendency to fall off. The planned figures were, however, achieved. Overfulfilment was particularly noticeable in the production of "Nasspreßstein", and in the mining of manganese concentrates.

The fluorspar and heavy spar mines are exhausted,

2. Heavy and Light Machine Construction.

The production programme was broadly fulfilled. Underfulfilment applied to the following items: spare parts for boilers and I.C. engines, other tool grinding machines, other presses, blast-furnace equipment, and spare parts for lifting and loading equipment.

The planned figures for milling and stamping machines, footwear and weaving needles could not be reached owing to the lack of corresponding imports.

It was not possible to make adequate supplies of seamless and welded tubes available for spare parts for pumps and compressors. Very little production facilities are available for the output of 50 - 100 ton hydraulic presses, other metallurgical equipment, bronze fittings and presses.

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It was also impossible to produce adequate quantities of equipment for dairies, welding burners, and oxygen compressors due to inadequate supplies of non-ferrous metals.

3. Vehicles.

Actual production exceeded the planned figures by 67%. In spite of this the outlook for the production of spare parts for railway vehicles and tractors is extremely limited.

4. Metal Goods.

The fulfilment of the items metal mesh, welding electrodes, screws, nuts, metal beds etc., was not attained, owing in particular to a shortage of ferrous and non-ferrous wire and steel tubes.

5. Electrical Engineering.

Owing in particular to a shortage of "Dynamo sheet", zinc sheet and copper, the planned output of disconnecting-switches, electro-meters, measuring instruments, batteries and elements was not reached. There is an accumulation of electric ovens.

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6. Precision and Optical Machinery.

In general the plan was well fulfilled. The underfulfilment of pressure and discharge meter equipment was due to a shortage of thin sheet and brass bars.

7. Basic Chemicals.

The plan was almost 100% fulfilled, but the target was not achieved with regard to insecticides, animal glues, photographic and cinematographic films owing to the insufficient supplies of such important raw materials as zinc phosphate, silver, fine and special paper, scrap leather and bones. There was an accumulation of materials for match manufacture.

In the case of soap and cosmetics there are sales difficulties. If restrictions on the sale of soap were lifted, the position would improve. There is still an accumulation of fine soaps.

8. Pharmaceuticals.

The reason for the underfulfilment lies partly in sales difficulties for certain disinfectants and partly in a shortage of important tinctures and various drugs.

9. Rubber and Asbestos.

The planned figures could not be reached owing to a shortage of synthetic and natural rubber.

10. Building Materials.

The production targets for hollow bricks, pantiles, grooved tiles (Falzziegeln), drain-pipes were not reached. It is recommended that the production of pantiles and grooved tiles be increased at the expense of flat tiles (Bieberschwänze). Concrete products were underfulfilled owing to an extremely small allocation of cement. In general it may be said that the underfulfilment was due to inadequate supplies of coal.

11. Glass.

Owing to poor coal distribution, the production of glass shows a tendency to fall. Several glass-works were obliged to feed cold air into the furnaces (kalt schüren) or come to a standstill. Owing to a shortage of 9.9 mm. sheet and quicksilver, the 100% fulfilment of thermos flasks and technical thermometers was not achieved.

12. Textiles.

Staple-fibre (Zellwolle) worsted was underfulfilled by 25%, owing to the lack of necessary "Kammzüge". The carding-wool plan was overfulfilled: adequate supplies of textile waste and staple fibre were available. The production of woven worsted was 30% underfulfilled, difficulties being caused by lack of carding space, and the tardy delivery of varieties.

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